IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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FRANCIS SANTIAGO,	: :
Plaintiff,	: Civil Action No. 02-4048
v.	: : :
GMAC MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., GMAC RESIDENTIAL HOLDING CORP., and GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION,	: : : :
Defendants.	· :
ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPRO	OVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
AND NOW, this day of	, 2007, this matter having come before the court
upon the parties' Joint Motion for Final Appr	oval of the Class Settlement Agreement between
Plaintiff Francis Santiago ("Plaintiff") and De	efendants GMAC Mortgage Group, Inc. (n/k/a
GMAC Mortgage Group, LLC), GMAC Resi	idential Holding Corporation (n/k/a GMAC
Residential Holding Company, LLC), and Gl	MAC Mortgage Corporation (n/k/a GMAC
Mortgage, LLC) ("Defendants"). The parties	s also seek dismissal of this action pursuant to the
terms of the Class Settlement Agreement ("S	ettlement Agreement"). On, 2007
the Court held a fairness hearing to which Cl	ass members, including any with objections, were
invited. The Court, being fully advised of the	e premises, hereby ORDERS that said motion is
GRANTED and FINDS THAT:	
Plaintiff and Defendants have, 2007 ("Settlement Agreen")	entered into a Settlement Agreement dated nent").

- On , 2007, that Settlement Agreement was, pursuant to Rule 23 2. of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, preliminarily approved and a settlement class was preliminarily certified.
- The Court approved a form of notice for mailing to the class. The Court is 3. informed that actual notice was sent by [first-class] mail to 83,713 Class members (counting couples and other, joint persons as a single Class member).
- Class members requested exclusion and _____ objections 4. were filed or received. A total of Class members are entitled to a share in the monetary benefits of the settlement because their notice was not returned as undeliverable ("Claimants"). Those Class members whose notices were returned as undeliverable with no forwarding address will be entitled to share in the monetary benefits of the settlement if they comply with the procedure set forth in paragraph 8(a), below.
- 5. The complaint in this action alleges that Defendants violated state laws and Section 8(b) of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, 12 U.S.C. § 2607(b) ("RESPA").
- 6. The Court finds that class certification is appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 because the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable; there are questions of law or fact common to the class; Plaintiff's claim is typical of the claims of the class; and Plaintiff Francis Santiago will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.
- The Court finds that the provisions for notice to the class satisfy the requirements 7. of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 and due process.

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- The Court finds that the settlement is fair and reasonable, and hereby approves the 8. Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties, including the release and the payment by Defendants from the Settlement Fund of as attorney's fees and costs prior to the distribution to the class, and distribution of a ______ settlement fund to the Class members in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. The Court hereby approves a payment to Plaintiff Francis Santiago \$500 for his services as Class Representative.
- Pursuant to paragraphs 13 and 18 of the Settlement Agreement, the (a) \$ class settlement fund shall be distributed by the Class Administrator to the Class members 1) who did not opt-out and whose notice was not returned as undeliverable; or 2) whose notice was returned as undeliverable with no forwarding address but who provided the Class Administrator with a Request for Inclusion (as defined in the settlement agreement) within two hundred seventy (270) days of the Effective Date.
- The Class Administrator shall, within thirty-five (35) days of the Effective (b) Date of the settlement, mail checks to Class members meeting these criteria set forth in Paragraph 8(a)(1). The Class Administrator shall, within three (3) days of receiving a Request for Inclusion, mail checks to Class members meeting the criteria set forth in Paragraph 8(a)(2).
- In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, Claimants whose loans (c) closed between 1999 and February 28, 2002 shall receive a check in the amount of \$_____, and Claimants whose loans closed between March 1, 2002 and August 31, 2005 shall receive a check in the amount of \$. Any portion of the settlement fund that is unclaimed by the class, because the settlement check was returned as undeliverable or without a forwarding address, or because the check remains uncashed ninety (90) days after distribution, or because any funds otherwise remain after the distribution was calculated, shall be paid to the Homeowners Preservation Foundation as a cy pres remedy on behalf of the class. Pursuant to paragraph 18 of

the Settlement Agreement, the *cy pres* check shall be transmitted within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement.

	(d)	Pursuant to paragraph 13 of	the Settle	ment Agreement, Defendants shall
pay \$	to class	s counsel for attorney's fees	and costs.	Class counsel have submitted to the
Court a detail	ed affida	avit of their fees and expense	s, includir	ng their current hourly rates and the
number of hours expended in this matter, which is attached to this Order as Appendix 1.				
Accordingly,	paymen	t by Defendants of \$	_to Class	counsel for attorney's fees and costs
is hereby appr	oved.			

9. The Court finds the settlement negotiations were conducted at arms-length and in good faith among all counsel and that the terms of the Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and adequate to plaintiff and all members of the class. In addition to the other facts stated herein, the Court finds the Settlement Agreement to be particularly fair, adequate, and reasonable in light of the risk of establishing liability and the expense of further litigation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1.	The	, 2007 Settlement Agreement is hereby approved.

2. Plaintiff and every member of the class who did not timely request exclusion, shall be forever barred and enjoined from instituting or further prosecuting any action, in any forum whatsoever, including but not limited to, any state, federal, or foreign court, against Defendants, as well as their predecessors and successors in interest and present and former affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, insurers, officers, directors, agents, employees, members, shareholders, general partners, limited partners, beneficiaries, representatives, heirs, attorneys, assigns or entities for which any Defendant performs mortgage servicing activities (including,

without limitation, any investors, trusts, or other similar entities) (collectively, "Releasees"), from any causes of action, suits, claims, damages, losses, or demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, known or unknown at this time, suspected or unsuspected, which Plaintiff and the classes now have or ever had, or may in the future have, against the Releasees, under any legal theory, including, but not limited to, all claims under local, state or federal law, including claims for violation of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 2601, et seq., fraud, breach of contract or other acts, omissions or claims, and for any general, special, consequential and punitive damages specifically related to such claims, as well as any claims for disgorgement, restitution, injunctive relief, penalties, attorneys' fees and costs of suit in connection with such claims, whether or not alleged, arising out of the allegations in or subject matter of the Complaint relating to loans issued by Defendants' Broker channel from 1999 through August 2005. Defendants' loans to members of the Class are in no way affected by this Settlement Agreement, and nothing herein shall prevent any member of the Class or Defendants from exercising their legal rights pursuant to any existing mortgages or seeking thereunder any remedies or relief not released herein.

- 3. Three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the final approval of the settlement, Defendants' counsel shall distribute any remaining funds to Homeowners Preservation Foundation as a cy pres remedy.
- The cy pres remedy is approved and payment shall be distributed to Homeowners 4. Preservation Foundation.
- This Court reserves jurisdiction over all matters arising out of the Settlement 5. Agreement.

- 6. This action is hereby dismissed with prejudice and with each party to bear its own costs.
 - 7. This order resolves all claims against all parties in this action.

BY THE COURT:

HONORABLE JAMES KNOLL GARDNER, J.

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